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BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000.
INSTALMENT received on 2,074,744.75
NEW SHARES, \$7,074,744.75

RESERVE FUND, \$2,600,000.
INSTALMENT of PREVIOUS received on NEW SHARES, 1,563,361.66

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COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on Approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drugs granted in London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager,
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

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Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

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HENRY J. HOLMES.

Hongkong, April 2, 1884.

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MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS.

Hongkong, April 1, 1884.

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NOTICE.

M. CHARLES ALEXANDER TOMES is authorized to sign our Name by Proclamation, in Hongkong, from this date.

RUSSELL & CO.

Hongkong, March 24, 1884.

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Intimations.

WANTED—A qualified EUROPEAN or AMERICAN SURGEON to proceed on a voyage in Charge of CHINESE ENT-GRANTS.

Apply to VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, April 4, 1884.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FOURTH and FINAL CALL of \$10 Sterling per Share on the 30,000 SHARES, NEW ISSUE of this Corporation, will fall due on the 31st December Current, in London, Calcutta, Bombay, Shanghai and Hongkong.

SHARHOLDERS entitled to NEW SHARES, are requested to Pay, at the respective Offices, the above Call or its equivalent in the Currency of the above-mentioned places.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES are being issued in Exchange for the First Call Receipts, which are to be surrendered to the Bank.

HOLDERS of PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES, when paying this Call, will please send same to this Office to be endorsed.

The Rate of £1 per Share for Hongkong is fixed at 3/- 8d., or \$53.93 per Share.

INTEREST at the Rate of 7% per Annum will be charged on Calls unpaid on the 31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883.

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Intimations.

NOTICE.

A Special General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held at the CITY HALL on SATURDAY, the 10th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., to consider the Amended Stamp Act.

W. KESWICK,
Chairman.

Hongkong, April 12, 1884.

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DRY DOCK AND PATENT SLIP,

NAGASAKI.

The Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS for THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT DOCK AND PATENT SLIP, at Nagasaki, and are prepared to supply Tenders for the DOCKING, CLEANING, PAINTING, &c., of VESSELS. The ENGINE WORK in connection with the Dockyard are under the direction of experienced ENGINEERS and possess all the necessary appliances for REPAIRS to SHIPS and MACHINERY.

HOLME, RINGER & CO.

Nagasaki, March, 1884.

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COMPANIA NAVIERA DE FILIPINAS.

CAPITAL, \$500,000.

Divided into 5,000 Shares of \$100 each.

On Allotment \$10 per Share, and the Balance on 30th April, 1884.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

General Managers:

Messrs. BIRCHAL, ROBINSON & CO.

HEAD OFFICE,

MANILA.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

The above Company has been established at Manila, for the purpose of taking over the Spanish Steamer *LUZON*, *TAI-YAN*, *ESTRELLA*, *SCORPION*, *CAMIGUIN* and *BOLINAO*, all of which, with the exception of the *BOLINAO*, are now en route in the coasting trade of the Philippines Islands.

The Steamer now running are all in perfect order, having recently been thoroughly overhauled.

After writing off 10 per cent. of the profits for depreciation, and paying 12 per cent. for Insurance, a Dividend of 18 per cent. was paid to the Shareholders in the above mentioned Steamers during the past year, and it is expected that a still more profitable dividend will result under the influence of larger Capital and consequent additions to the Fleet.

The Trade is cool and airy, being supplied with Punkahs and the best Shams.

Luzon is now from 7 a.m. till 7 p.m. for the reception of those who feel the necessity of a Tornorial operation.

RAZORS MOST CAREFULLY RE-SET.

Hongkong, April 10, 1884.

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country a howling wilderness. If there were any prominent candidate for the Throne who could command the suffrages and confidence of any considerable portion of the Empire, the expulsion of the Manchus might be looked for with certainty, with the hope of a considerable improvement in the system of government in the near future. But we know of no such candidate. Li Hung Chang is much too old to attempt anything of the kind now. Besides he has had many chances and has never shown the least symptom of disloyalty. There is no other prominent official we know of who would have the least chance of success. So the best thing to wish for is that the present Government may be retained and improved. If a war did not upset it we think it would in all probability improve it. It would show the Chinese that their trust in big guns and forts is vain and hopeless, and that China is and must be for a long time a third-rate Power in the world. If she frankly accepts this position, and endeavours to improve in the only true path of progress, that is by furthering the material wealth of her people by all the aids of modern science, she may in time hope to obtain a better place in the scale of nations.

TELEGRAMS.

TROUBLES IN PEKING.

LONDON, April 11.
A crisis has occurred in Peking; the Empress of China has publicly degraded Prince Kung and four members of the Privy Council for their dilatoriness in settling the disputes in Tientsin.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED CANAL.—*Glenloch* Mar. 14; *Glenpole*, *Art. and Oak* March 25; *Albion*, March 27; *Priam* and *San Pablo* March 30; *Glenow* April 4; *Ningchow* and *Djounah* April 7.

The S. S. *Oxfordshire* left Singapor for this port on the 8th inst.

The S. S. *Medusa* left Singapor for this port on the 13th instant.

The S. S. *Polyphemus* left Singapor for this port on the 13th instant.

The S. S. *Glances* left Singapor for this port on the 14th instant.

Messrs. Siemens & Co. inform us that the D.D.R. steamer *Polyphemus* left Singapor for this port yesterday afternoon.

CAPTAIN R. W. M. Martin, of the 'Buffs', East Kent Regiment, retired from the service on the 23rd February last.

LIEUTENANT A. H. Cole, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, embarked on the 15th February for Cairo, having volunteered for service with the army of Egypt.

A CHINESE war correspondent was sent down to Tquin by the *Scin-pro*. The French thought he was a Chinese spy and were going to shoot him. Refuge was afforded to him on board the *Heron*, where he was concealed for two days until he availed of an opportunity for Shanghai.—*Mercury*.

THE Police Court was closed to-day at 11 o'clock, being Easter Monday. Whatever cases of interest there were before the Court were adjourned until to-morrow.—*N.C. Daily News*.

The Agents (Messrs. Mellers & Co.) inform us that the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's steamer *Medusa* left Singapor yesterday morning (Sunday), and may be expected to be here on the 14th inst.

THE sum raised by the oblation at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, morning and evening, for the new organ fund, amounted to \$500, making a total collected up to the present of \$900. The amount required to cover the entire cost of the new instrument is twelve thousand dollars, so that there is yet ample scope for private munificence.

A CHINAMAN, who had two previous convictions recorded against him, was to-day sentenced at the Police Court to three months' hard labour for attempting to pick the pocket of an engineer of one of Her Majesty's men-of-war. Complainant was riding in a 'ricksha' drawn by the defendant, and was a little the worse for liquor. After carrying the complainant a little distance out of the town he stopped, and, fancying his fare to be asleep, he attempted to put his hand into his pocket, but was caught in the act and handed over to a Chinese detective who, had been watching his proceedings.

On Saturday last Wor. Bro. Orley was installed as Master of the United Service Lodge of Freemasons, by the District Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother C. P. Chater. The ceremony of installation should have taken place on the 8th January last, but was unavoidably postponed owing to the ill health of the Worshipful Master. The following officers of the lodge were invested on that date—

S. W. J. Robertson.
J. W. G. Gourboune.
Treasurer J. Hatchett.
Secretary G. J. W. King.
S. D. E. W. Austin.
J. D. Clarke.
D. C. J. R. Grimble.
J. G. W. L. Ford.
Steward E. Rose.
Tyler J. Maxwell.

The following proclamation has been printed and posted up in Hongkong anonymously. It only demonstrates how anxious a certain section of the Chinese mandarin class are to deceive the populace as to the actual course of event in Tquin, but it will probably do little harm, as, although the people are only too willing to believe any report of Chinese victories against the French, it is probably well known to the better informed Chinese residents in Hongkong by

this time that these rumours of defeat of the French forces are utterly false and void of foundation. We give a translation of this proclamation merely to show to what length the deception has been carried.

Victory, true fidelity, there is now of one who could command the suffrages and confidence of any considerable portion of the Empire, the expulsion of the Manchus might be looked for with certainty, with the hope of a considerable improvement in the system of government in the near future. But we know of no such candidate. Li Hung Chang is much too old to attempt anything of the kind now. Besides he has had many chances and has never shown the least symptom of disloyalty. There is no other prominent official we know of who would have the least chance of success. So the best thing to wish for is that the present Government may be retained and improved. If a war did not upset it we think it would in all probability improve it. It would show the Chinese that their trust in big guns and forts is vain and hopeless, and that China is and must be for a long time a third-rate Power in the world. If she frankly accepts this position, and endeavours to improve in the only true path of progress, that is by furthering the material wealth of her people by all the aids of modern science, she may in time hope to obtain a better place in the scale of nations.

A case of official blundering was brought to light the other day in the case of the steamer *Fusititia*. The *Fusititia* was chartered some time back as a store-ship, on the usual terms when explosives are to be carried. That is to say, in case of loss by any special risk, such as the burning, sinking, or destruction "by the means" of the previously ascertained amount is to be paid to the owners by the Government; but loss by capture or by tempest is to fall upon the owners. When the loading of the *Fusititia* was completed at Woolwich, she was handed over to her captain by the authorities. The captain proceeded to overhaul the cargo on behalf of his owners, in order to see that all was right. In so doing he discovered that the vessel was improperly loaded, and so top-heavy as to be likely in his opinion to capsize in the first gale; so he refused to put to sea. The mistake was in the stowage of all the light portion of the heavy materials, such as live shell, being placed at the top. The cargo had therefore to be shifted and restowed—an operation which delayed the *Fusititia* for some few days, and kept the officers commanding at St. Mawes out of their stores for a corresponding period.

A procession will be held with great splendour in the streets this afternoon to commemorate this victory. Crackers should be fired by all to the same end.

This is for the information of the public (dated) at 11 o'clock on the 3rd day.

The appointment of Captain Davis Francis Lewis, the *Bulls*, to be Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Liout. C. Yuyan, is gazetted.

MESSRS. RENOU, BREON, AND MORTALS, geologists, charged by the French government to proceed on a scientific mission to Java and the Straits of Sunda, for the particular study of the remains of the island of Kra-katua, destroyed by the eruption of August last, left Toulon on the 20th March by a transport for Singapor.

THE Queen's Order in Council providing that colonial certificates of competency for foreign going ships granted by the Governor of Hongkong shall be of the same force as if granted by the Board of Trade is published in Saturday's *Gazette*. The Order is dated the 31st December last.

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THE Chinese Government are sending exhibits of food and medicine to the Exhibition to be held in London shortly. The exhibits from the different ports go forward by the *Thames*. The Government are also sending thirty Chinese by the same steamer to be present at the Exhibition.—*N.C. Daily News*.

H. M. S. *Cleopatra* is going to visit the Korean port and will convey Sir Harry Parkes there. She will afterwards return to Shanghai. It is said that the object of Sir Harry's visit is for the purpose of establishing a Consulate. Sir Harry, who was to leave Tientsin on the 9th inst., will be accompanied by Lieutenant and Mrs. Lever, who are on their way to England. Miss Parkes will also travel with the Minister.—*N.C. Daily News*.

MAJOR General Anstruther C. B., died on the 18th Feb., at Pitlochry, Fifeshire, at the age of seventy-six. He entered the army in 1821 and took part in the Chinese war in 1841, serving with the troops under Sir Hugh Gough, when he had the misfortune to be taken prisoner by the Chinese and remained in captivity for six years. After he served on the staff of Lord Gough at the battle of Chinkawall and Gough, and also under General Sir Harry Smith in the Kafie River in 1851. In 1842 he was created a Companion of the Order of the Bath in recognition of his services in China. In 1850 he retired from the Service and settled in Scotland.

A curious circumstance occurred last week to the Kildare Hounds. They drew a covert near the river Liffey, found in due course, and hunted the fugitive fox for a few minutes, till he ran to a cottage and claimed sanctuary. Nor has his claim disregarded, for the owner of the cottage recognised in the "quarry" a fox whom he had rescued from drowning when a cub, and who had become quite domesticated, till some nomadic or rustic impulse a few weeks ago led him to forsake the haunts and ways of civilisation; and to join his wild brethren in gorse, sham, and spinney. He was protected from the fury of the pack; but I give to say that his owner and champion offered to sacrifice him for the small sum of two pounds. The Kildare Hounds had a couple of very good goals after this episode, with real wild touts.—*Life*.

A STAGE kiss is often enough but a dramatic illusion. There are, however, exceptions. In the casket scene in "The Merchant of Venice," for instance, Bassanio seals his betrothal with a "loving kiss." "The other night," says Miss Ellen Terry, "Mr. Terrell was the Bassanio, and just as he kissed me a very considerable titter came from the audience. My face was wet in a flame in a minute, and I was just ready to cry." On reaching the lines Portia looked round, and the cause of the laughter became apparent to her. The stage cat, a magnificent and pretty creature, had, it seems, coolly come in and attended the whole proceeding, and when the last kiss followed, apparently well satisfied. "I cannot bring myself to the kissing again, so that Mr. Terrell runs my hand to his lips instead." The cat, strange to say, has since mysteriously disappeared. Bassanio's work.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"To the various improvements on the Underground Railway which have been suggested in the *Pall Mall Budget* and elsewhere, I would add yet another, and that is, a separate booking-window for ladies. With all respect, I feel compelled to say that ladies are somewhat of a nuisance when they have to take

tickets. They never have any change, they frequently are unable to find their purse without a lengthy and complicated operation, they generally approach the windows the wrong way, and they have an irrepressible habit of asking numerous questions, which are somewhat irritating to such members of the race behind them as happen to be in a hurry. Therefore, I submit, let them have a separate ticket-window. Let the company supply at each a special cloak of propitiating appearance and imperturbable temper. Ladies are seldom in a hurry, so if any fair traveller monopolizes too much of this gentleman's time little or no harm will be done, while the saving of time and temper to business men will be simply incalculable."—*Pall Mall Budget*.

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Some who would otherwise have competed did not turn out owing to their having received notice in the morning that there would be no competition.

Some of the competitors made a most

woeful exhibition, and it would be conducive to the good reputation of the corps if, in future, competitions were limited to men who had at least sufficient previous experience with their weapon to know one sight from another. Of course, it is within the power of donors of prizes to name the competition under which their gifts are to be shot for, and to throw the competition open to all; but it is of little use to allow anyone to enter with the carbine as some

of those competing on Saturday apparently did.

April 3, 1884.

On the 29th at 8 a.m., Li Hung-chang,

all the members of the Board of War,

Li Yen-kwa is the chief,

and the Admirals Tso-tai left for Taku

to inspect the Forts and torpedoes and the

northern squadron in command of Admiral

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THE CHINA REVIEW.

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY,
TENTH YEAR.

THIS Review, which was intended to meet the wants of many students of China caused by the discontinuance of "Notes and Queries on China and Japan," has reached its Twelfth Volume. The Review discusses those topics which are appeared in the minds of students of the "Far East" and about which every intelligent person can be interested with China or Japan is concerned. It includes many interesting Notes and original Papers on the Arts, Sciences, Ethnology, Folklore, Geography, History, Literature, Mythology, Natural History, Antiquities, and Social Manners and Customs, etc., etc., of China, Japan, Mongolia, Tibet, and the Far East generally. Recently a new departure has been taken, and the Review now gives papers on Trade, Commerce, and Descriptive notes of Travel by well-known writers. It was thought that by extending the scope of the Review in this direction, the Magazine would be made more generally useful.

The Review department receives special attention, and endeavours are made to present a careful and concise record of Literature on China etc., as to give critiques embodying sketches of the most recent works on such topics. Authors and Publishers are requested to forward their "Editor, China Review," care of China Mail Office.

The Notes and Queries are still continued and form an important means of obtaining and diffusing among students knowledge on obscure points.

The Correspondent's column also affords further and greater facilities for the interchange of views and discussion of various topics.

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